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In re **PATENT** application of:

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Title:             METHOD FOR PRODUCING ARTICLE

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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The undersigned respectfully requests a refund of \$460.00 due to payment of large entity fees by mistake in connection to the above-identified application. The applicant is a small entity. The filing fees were paid via credit card; please credit the refund to the same credit card. Please contact Mr. Dan Caraballo, of our Accounts Payable Department, at 216-621-1113 if you need further information.

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04/13/2007	1801	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$395.00	\$790.00	\$395.00
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The charges listed above correspond to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Extension of Time for 1 month fees paid in full on April 13, 2007. The payment of large entity fees were made by mistake on April 13, 2007. The present application was filed as small entity on December 8, 2003 (Copy of Utility and Fee Transmittal enclosed). The applicant's small entity status was previously established in good faith and fees as evidenced in Letters Patent Nos.: 6,604,623, 6,554,815, 6,840,929, 6,913,664, 6,895,649.

A refund in the amount of \$460.00 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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